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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS NOTIFIED OF MINOR EVENT AT MILLSTONE**

**STATE ARMORY, HARTFORD, CT:** State officials have completed monitoring a minor event at Millstone Power Station in Waterford, Connecticut, confirming that there is no danger to the public and that Millstone Unit 2 has been successfully shut down by its automatic safety systems.

In accordance with Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) license requirements, Millstone declared an event notification of the lowest classification level at approximately 3:30 p.m. after water was detected seeping from pressure relief valves in a system used to add water to the reactor piping system. The seeping water was contained inside the plant's Auxiliary Building. Plant officials have confirmed that the seepage has stopped and that the reactor was successfully shut down.

There has been no release of radioactivity above the plant's normal permitted operating levels. The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Radiation Control Unit independently confirmed this information from the plant.

As an additional precaution, DEP has completed independent on-site environmental monitoring at Millstone confirming no release of radioactivity above normal background levels, verifying that there is no danger to public health and safety.

Plant and state officials have briefed local agencies and neighboring states on the plant's status and the monitoring steps completed.

There is no requirement for additional agency or public actions at this low event level.